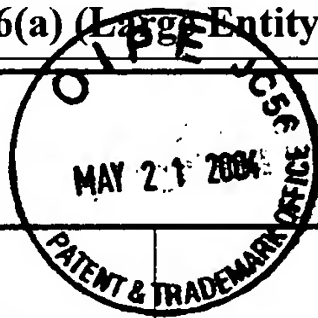


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
0112713-00115

In Re Application Of: Landherr et al.



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1733

Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING AND DISCONNECTING FLEXIBLE TUBING

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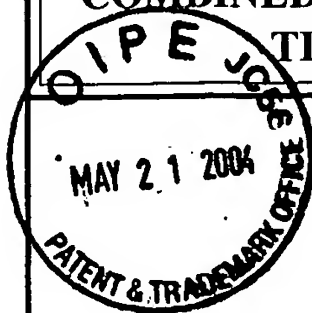
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 25 of this paper.

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